

## **REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 8 and 9 define patentable subject matter, and that the combination of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 define patentable subject matter.

### **Claim 1**

Claim 1 remains rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under §103(a), as being obvious over Payne. As amended, claim 1 defines a fuel passage defined at least in part by a passage defined by the body and having an outlet generally coaxially aligned with the fuel supply pipe, wherein said passage defined by the body is in fluid communication with the priming pump and is adapted to receive liquid fuel therein. Such a construction and arrangement is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Payne. Rather, as noted by the Examiner, Payne merely discloses a "fuel passage 64 is formed in a piece of equipment carried by the carburetor body." Accordingly, claim 1 defines novel and patentable subject matter over Payne and all other cited art.

### **Claims 2-7 and 10-17**

Each of dependent claims 2-7 and 10-17 is dependent upon claim 1 and defines patentable subject matter for at least those reasons that claim 1 is patentable. Further, Applicant reasserts the arguments set forth with respect to these dependent claims in the response to the prior office action. In this regard, Applicant notes that the Examiner did not respond to Applicant's arguments set forth with regard to claim 11 in the prior response.

Specifically, and among other things, claim 11 recites a relationship between the flow area of the fuel supply pipe and the combined flow area of all of the holes in the fuel supply pipe. That claimed relationship is not disclosed anywhere in the cited art.

### **Claims 18 and 19**

Independent claim 18 has been amended to recite that the fuel bowl has "at least one wall" and that the fuel passage is defined at least in part by a passage formed in said wall of the fuel bowl. None of the cited art discloses, teaches or suggests a fuel passage defined at least in part by a passage formed in a wall of a fuel bowl, in combination with the other elements of claim 18 as set forth herein or otherwise. Accordingly, claim 18 defines patentable subject matter over all the cited art.

Claim 19 is dependent upon claim 18 and defines patentable subject matter for at least those reasons that claim 18 is patentable. Further, claim 19 has been amended and now recites that the fuel bowl has a bore through wall of the fuel bowl and the portion of the fuel passage that is formed in the wall of the fuel bowl extends to the bore. The cited art does not disclose or suggest such a combination and arrangement.

### **New Claim 20**

New independent claim 20 includes many of the limitations of originally filed claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, although it is intended to be broader in some respects than a literal combination of each and every element of each of these claims. The prior art fails to teach, disclose or even suggest such a combination of elements, and therefore, claim 20 defines patentable subject matter.

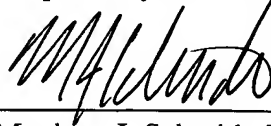
### CONCLUSION

Each of claims 1-20 is believed to define patentable subject matter over all of the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all rejected claims, and newly added claim 20, are respectfully requested.

If, after considering this Response, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney, Matthew J. Schmidt, whose telephone number is (248) 689-3500, so immediate consideration can be given to any further amendment suggested by the Examiner or needed to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$200.00 for payment of the fee for 1 extra independent claim, and any additional fee deemed necessary for this response may to be charged to deposit account no. 50-0852

Respectfully Submitted,



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